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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR A P.L. EXPORT TRANSACTION CHECK
REF: (A) STATE 297154, (B) MANUAL ON ECONOMIC DEFENSE
PART 413.

1. REQUESTED INFORMATION ON FIRM FOLLOWS IN FORMAT
OF REF B, PART 413.5A: KUWAIT IMPOSES ON SPECIAL REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR IMPORTS OF VIDEO CASSETTES. THERE ARE NO EXCHANGE
CONTROLS, AND FIRM WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY FROM KUWAIT SIDE
IN IMPORTING THESE ITEMS.

2. END USE AND USER: IN LETTER TO EMBASSY, TELEVISION RECORDING
AND SERVICES COMPANY'S GENERAL MANAGER, ABDULLA AL-QANDI
HAS STATED THAT VIDEO CASSETTES WILL BE "HIRED OUT OR SOLD
TO SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, HOSPITALS, CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS
AND THE LOCAL TV CENTER, ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED". QANDI'S
FIRM ALREADY HAS THE AGENCY FOR BASF VIDEO CASSETTES, WHICH
IT MARKETS LOCALLY, AND MAY ALSO SELL PHILLIPS AND SONY VIDEO
CASSETTES.

3. RE-EXPORT: QANDI HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT VIDEO CASSETTES
WILL BE SOLD ONLY IN KUWAIT AND HAS STATED THAT THERE WILL BE
NO RE-EXPORTS TO NON-FREE WORLD COUNTRIES IN DIB-629P STATEMENT.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: AL QANDI IS FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIAL, NOW FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WHO SPENT
13 YEARS IN U.S. HE IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND WE HAVE
NO REASON TO DOUBT HIS STATEMENTS. TELEVISION RECORDING AND
SERVICES (TRS) HAS BEEN FORMED IN PAST YEAR. SISTER FIRM,
INTERNATIONAL COMPANY FOR REALTY, TRADE AND SERVICES, IS
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ALSO MANAGED BY ABDULLA AL QANDI, AND IS SUBJECT OF WTDR DONE

IN JULY 1976 (KUWAIT 3928. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT REEXPORT
LICENSE BE ISSUED PROMPTLY. CASE NUMBER IS BEWT-A234050.

5. FOR BRUSSELS: MR. GEORGE TANNOUS OF MEMOREX, S.A., LIEGE
BELGIUM, TEL. 673-8080, PHONE EMBASSY DEC 12 TO INQUIRE ABOUT
STATUS REEXPORT APPLICATION, SINCE TRS LETTER OF CREDIT FOR
TRANSACTION SCHEDULED TO RUN OUT DEC 15. PLEASE TELL MR. TANNOUS
THAT TRS HAS EXTENDED L/C, BUT IS ANXIOUS THAT 2000 VIDEO
CASSETTES ARRIVE QUICKLY AND IN ONE SHIPMENT, SINCE PARTIAL
SHIPMENTS INCREASE DIFFICULTY OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.
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